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**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Need Your Support**  
***Donation Match Through Aug. 31 Helps Grandchildren Thrive***

**(OKLAHOMA CITY)** – Across Oklahoma, children are getting ready to go back to school, but what if their families can't afford school supplies they so desperately need to learn? Sunbeam Family Services is stepping up once again to provide school supplies to grandparents raising their own grandchildren and donations are needed to support their efforts.

Through Aug. 31, donations made to Sunbeam to help children learn, grow heal and thrive will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000. This donation match is made possible thanks to Tall Oak Midstream.

“Traditionally, a \$25 donation provides the equivalent of 2 backpacks full of school supplies for grandchildren being raised by their grandparents,” said Angie Doss, chief external relations officer at Sunbeam. “Thanks to this generous match, a \$25 donation will provide 4 backpacks to help even more children learn and thrive.”

Oklahoma ranks ninth in the nation for the number of grandparents raising their grandchildren. Launched in 2003, Sunbeam's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program empowers grandparents by offering support groups, school supply assistance, holiday assistance and other resources. Grandparents, ages 55 years or older, who are raising their grandchildren, are given support to help them secure valuable resources and information for their family.

Sunbeam's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program is just one of the many programs that helps Oklahoma children when they need it the most. Through Foster Care, Sunbeam provides safe, stable homes, and loving families to children ages 17 and under. Through Sunbeam's Early Childhood Services, the nonprofit prepares children in low-income households to enter school with high-quality Early Head Start and Head Start education programs at no cost to the family of the child. Caring and compassionate counseling services help children heal and thrive.

Join the movement to help children grow, heal, learn and thrive. To make a donation visit [SunbeamFamilyServices.org/thrive](http://SunbeamFamilyServices.org/thrive) or call 405-609-8994.

Sunbeam's mission is to provide people of all ages with help, hope, and the opportunity to succeed through Early Childhood, Foster Care, Counseling and Senior Services. Last year alone, nearly 15,000 Oklahomans benefited from Sunbeam's services.

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**About Sunbeam Family Services**

Founded in 1907, Sunbeam Family Services is one of Oklahoma's longest serving nonprofits and is one of the original United Way of Central Oklahoma Community partners. Sunbeam's mission is to provide help, hope and the opportunity to succeed to people of all ages in central Oklahoma through Early Childhood, Counseling, Foster Care and Senior Services. To learn more, call 405-528-7721, visit [sunbeamfamilyservices.org](http://sunbeamfamilyservices.org), or join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.